(ii) Wheat Based Nutrition Programme and Nutritional Programme for Adolescent girls (administered by Ministry of Women and Child Development).

(iii) Sampoorana Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) and special Component of SGRY (administered by Ministry of Rural Development).

(iv) Emergency Feeding Programme for KBK Districts of Orissa (Department of Food and Public Distribution).

(v) Annapurana Scheme (Department of Food and Public Distribution).

(vi) Scheme for hostels and Welfare Institutions to help the shelterless/homeless poor and other categories not covered under TPDS.

(vii) Scheme for SC/ST/OBC Hostels to provide foodgrains for all the residents student in these Hostels.

(viii) Village Grain Banks Scheme to cover vulnerable poeple in chronically food scarce areas. (Department of Food and Public Distribution).

Daily wage workers in FCI

†1214. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the daily wagers working in the Food Corporation of India for the last more than 15 years, have not been regularized;

(b) if so, whether Government would issue any guidelines to FCI for improving the pitiable condition of these labourers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The food handling operations in various depots of FCI are being done either by regular labour or by contractor's labour. There is no provision for employment of casual labour in the depots in which departmental or Direct Payment System (DPS) labour is working. However, as per understanding reached with FCI Workers Union on 6.11.1997, 103 casual labourers have been deployed in FCI Godowns at Bareilly, UP. The said casual labourers could not be taken as Direct Payment System labour as they were not found eligible for the same. However they were allowed to work as casual labour on need basis and are paid minimum guaranteed wages whenever engaged. Since the labour is already surplus in the Corporation, the question of regularization is not viable in the present circumstances.

Difference between consumer and producer's sale price

†1215. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge difference between the consumer's and producer's sale price of agricultural products;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of this difference in respect of flour, gram, edible oil, black gram, rice, etc.; and

(c) whether Government has made any plan to narrow this difference by undertaking any study and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The difference between producer's (wholesale) and consumer's (retail) prices of agricultural products range between Rs. 0.50 to Rs. 9.50 per kg only in the metropolitan cities as given in table below:

(Rs. per kg)

Commodity / Centre	Consumer's Price 14.11.07	Producer's Price 14.11.07	Variation	Commodity / Centre	Consumer's Price 14.11.07	Producer's Price 14.11.07	Variation
Rice				Groundnut Oil			
Chennai	14.00	12.00	**2.00**	Chennai	70.00	60.50	**9.50**
Delhi	16.00	13.90	**2.10**	Delhi	120.00	113.55	**6.45**
Kolkata	13.00	12.00	**1.00**	Kolkata	86.00	83.50	**2.50**
Mumbai	14.25	12.75	**1.50**	Mumbai	95.00	90.00	**5.00**
Wheat				Mustard Oil			
Chennai	16.00	15.50	**0.50**	Chennai	NT	NT	—
Delhi	12.00	10.30	**1.70**	Delhi	64.00	57.50	**6.50**
Kolkata	NT			Kolkata	60.00	57.50	**2.50**
Mumbai	14.50	12.75	**1.75**	Mumbai	64.00	62.66	**1.34**
Gram				Black Gram			
Chennai	36.00	32.80	**3.20**	Chennai	42.00	40.00	**2.00**
Delhi	35.00	30.25	**4.75**	Delhi	37.00	29.90	**7.50**
Kolkata	32.00	30.00	**2.00**	Kolkata	36.00	30.00	**6.00**
Mumbai	34.00	33.00	**1.00**	Mumbai	46.00	42.00	**4.00**
Atta							
Chennai	18.00	17.00	**1.00**				
Delhi	13.00	11.65	**1.35**				
Kolkata	14.00	12.20	**1.80**				
Mumbai	15.50	14.00	**1.50**				

Source : State Civil Supplies Departments. NR—Not Reported. NT—Not Traded

(c) Does not arise.

Criteria for MRP

†1216. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any criteria has been laid down for determining Maximum Retails Price (MRP) indicated by the company;

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